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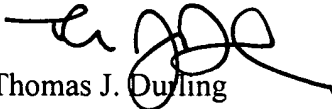
The Applicants submit herewith Form PTO-1449 together with a copy of the publications listed therein.

EP 0 699 616 B1 is being submitted. This document is the European patent which issued from application number EP 0 699 616 A2, which was originally identified in a search report by the European Patent Office, dated March 18, 2005, and previously submitted for consideration in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on April 6, 2005.

An English translation of the specification of EP 0 699 616 B1 was recently obtained in connection with evaluating an Action from the European Patent Office. A copy of the translated specification, as well as the European Office Action, dated September 4, 2006, and the International Preliminary Examination Report mentioned therein are also submitted herewith. The International Preliminary Examination Report is dated June 22, 2006 and appears to be identical to the original European search report mentioned above.

These documents are submitted to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and believed to be related to this application. Because this document is being submitted after a Notice of Allowance has been mailed, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered into the file and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

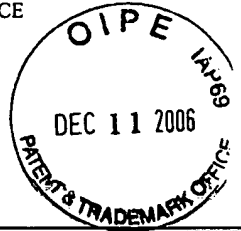


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